

Dear Governor McCrory,

We write to you as Jewish leaders dismayed and disappointed that undocumented immigrants in North Carolina who qualify for the federal Deferred Action Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program will be singled out by having to carry driver's licenses marked with a pink design and distinct from other North Carolina licenses.

We are especially shocked that the day these pink driver's licenses go into effect will be the eve of Passover - [March 25th](#). On that evening, Jewish families throughout your state and around the world will be retelling the Bible's story of the Exodus from Egypt. That night, Jewish families and their guests will call to mind that our people were oppressed strangers in the land of Egypt. Particularly during this holiday, our community is reminded to stand in solidarity with vulnerable strangers in our own time: immigrants from other lands. We deeply wish that our people had been treated according to this principle in the many societies in which we lived as outsiders. As Americans we affirm our national tradition of welcoming immigrants to our shores and borders. We are proud to be citizens of a free and democratic nation and we hope that you will join us in keeping the America's spirit of freedom and inclusion alive.

For these reasons, we urge you to do what is morally right and rescind this discriminatory policy.

North Carolina would be the only state in the nation to mandate distinct licenses for DACA immigrants. North Carolina has been a leader in business and public policy advances. The state you lead can do better.

A just society does not stigmatize an entire class of people. A society built on the foundation of human dignity, equality, and compassion does not single out young men and women for gratuitous discrimination. Governor McCrory, we pray you find the political courage to reverse this discriminatory policy to single out the young Americans.

Sincerely,

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